



# Walden Pond State Reservation

Department of Conservation and Recreation

## JANUARY 2023 PROGRAMS

Programs are free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations upon request. Please follow COVID guidelines: visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/COVID). Group visitation requires advanced reservations by emailing [walden.programs@mass.gov](mailto:walden.programs@mass.gov) or calling (978) 405-2082. No dogs/pets allowed on premises year-round. Park closes when visitor capacity is reached—DCR Closure Alert: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/dcr-park-alerts>.

Daily except for  
Mondays  
10:00 am-3:00 pm

### WALDEN POND VISITOR CENTER

#### Exhibits, *Walden* Film, and Gallery

Investigate the life and legacy of Henry David Thoreau through exhibits, art, and film. The Ken Burns *Walden* film runs 22 minutes, plays every half hour, last show at 2:30 pm. *Engravings from Nature*, by Abigail Rorer, will be on display in the gallery through the end of January.

Daily  
7:00 am-4:00 pm

### SELF-GUIDED STORYWALK®

#### *Henry David Thoreau Loved the Seasons of the Year* By Donna Marie Przybojewski

#### Universally Accessible Thoreau House Site Trail

Walk with Henry and see how the seasons transform Walden. This picture book is posted on the accessible Thoreau House Site Trail, an easy 1/2 mile, crushed stone surface trail. Wheelchair and stroller friendly. All ages.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday,  
January 1  
10:00 am-11:30  
am

### FIRST DAY HIKE

DCR invites you to start off the New Year with a sprinkling of good company and a cup of hot chocolate following a hike in the woods! Meet at the Walden Pond Visitor Center at 10:00 am for a 1-mile guided hike along the accessible *Woods Path* trail to Henry David Thoreau's house site.

Sunday,  
January 1  
12:00 pm-2:00 pm

Henry David Thoreau, portrayed by historian Richard Smith, will be in the replica house with the woodstove burning to greet and entertain visitors with tales of his days at Walden Pond. Sponsored by *Friends of Walden Pond*.

Monday,  
January 16  
12:00 pm-2:00 pm

### CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

Meets in the Visitor Center Gallery

In honor of MLK Day, join Concord historian Richard Smith and Robbins House Programming Director Nikki Turpin for a conversation about Thoreau's legacy of civil disobedience. Thoreau's arrest for non-payment of taxes as a protest against slavery laid ground for his essay *Civil Disobedience*, which Martin Luther King Jr., Mohandas Gandhi, and other activists read and cited in support of their activism. For ages 13+ years.

## SELF-GUIDED OPPORTUNITIES



Get self-guided walking tours featuring the Thoreau House Replica and Thoreau House Site. Simply scan the code or visit: <https://www.mass.gov/location-details/walden-pond-state-reservation-interpretive-programs>.

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coming events